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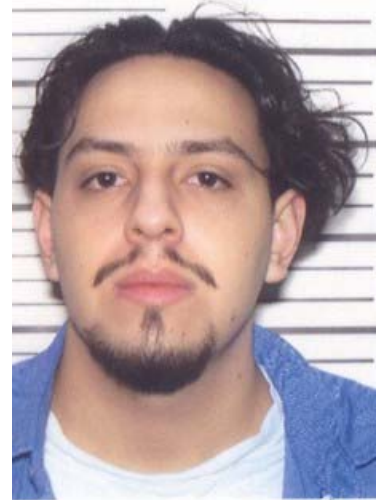
ICE DEPORTS ILLEGAL ALIEN WHO SEXUALLY ASSAULTED MENTALLY DISABLED VICTIMS

BLOOMINGTON, Minn.— U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers deported an illegal alien Wednesday who was convicted of sexually assaulting three women who were his co-workers at the Culver's restaurant in Chaska, Minn.

Two of the victims are mentally disabled,

Luis Garcia-Jimenez, 20, a citizen of Mexico, was convicted in Carver County District Court Aug. 11 of three counts of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct.

Two counts were for assaulting the mentally disabled victims; the other was for using force or coercion during a third assault.



The convictions also required Garcia-Jimenez to be tested for HIV and to register as a sex offender.

“Sexual predators are at the top of our list for arrest and removal,” said ICE Field Office Director Scott Baniecke. “And this man warranted special attention because he victimized vulnerable adults.” Baniecke oversees ICE’s Detention and Removal Operations program for a five-state area.

During fiscal year 2004, which ended Sept. 30, ICE detention and removal officers removed 3,152 criminal aliens and status violators from a five-state area that includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. Of that number, 1,488 were classified as criminal aliens for having been convicted of such crimes as drug offenses, assault and battery, armed robbery, rape, and fraud, among others. The remaining 1,664 had committed administrative immigration law violations.

NOTE: For a JPEG digital image file Garcia-Jimenez, please contact Tim Counts at 952-853-2602 or via e-mail at Tim.Counts@dhs.gov.

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